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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 3599

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECOSOC, UN, PO, MZ

SUBJECT: REPORTED MASSACRES IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. NIALL MACDERMOT, SECRETARY GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, INFORMED AMBASSADOR FERGUSON THAT ICJ AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LONDON WILL JOINTLY PUBLISH A REPORT "NEXT WEEK" CONCERNING INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE MASSACRES COMMITTED BY PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. MACDERMOT DECLINED TO REVEAL NATURE OF INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE BUT STATED THAT IT WAS THE RESULT OF A VISIT BY BAREN VAN NIEKERK (NATAL UNIVERSITY AND MEMBER ICJ) TO MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER INFORMATION IN POSSESSION ICJ. MACDERMOT DID REVEAL THAT REPORT WILL ALSO OFFER DOCUMENTATION THAT TORTURE WIDELY PRACTISED AND WAS A FACTOR IN THE RECENT SUICIDE OF PROMINENT MOZAMBIQUE CHURCHMAN.

2. MACDERMOT DREW ATTENTION TO LETTER HE HAD WRITTEN TO LONDON TIMES REPORTING ON BAREND VAN NIEKERK'S APRIL INTERVIEW WITH SPANISH PRIESTS. (PUBLISHED JULY 13.) MACDERMOT FURTHER STATES THAT ICJ IS CONTINUING STUDY WITHIN ITS LIMITED RESOURCES AND NOW HAS EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INJURIES FROM HERBICIDES USED IN GUINEA BISSIAU. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE  
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WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO RAISE FUNDS PRIVATELY FOR A FULL

SCALE STUDY OF RULE OF LAW IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WHEN HE VISITS STATES FOR AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN AUGUST.

3. MACDERMOT ALSO INFORMED FERGUSON THAT HE WILL BE APPEARING BEFORE FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE ON EITHER AUGUST 1ST OR AUGUST 2ND TO TESTIFY AS TO EVIDENCE ICJ HAS REGARDING MASSACRES AND TORTURE IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. IN THIS CONNECTION HE INDICATED A DESIRE TO CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AND CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AUGUST 6 THROUGH 8. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM WHETHER CALLS POSSIBLE.

4. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT FRAZAO UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM ARABS TO TAKE UP MATTER UNDER ITEM 23. FRAZAO (BRAZIL) STATES HE IS EMBARRASSED BUT DOES NOT THINK HE CAN WITHSTAND PRESSURE. MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED IN PLENARY BY TUNISIA (GENEVA 3519.).BASSIN

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